

To the Constables and Overseers of

BY vertue of a Warrant to me directed from the standing Committee at *Chelmsford*, intimating that the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament considering the oppressions and miseries that now doe threaten the utter ruine and desolation of this Kingdome in generall, and of this, and the other associated Counties in particular, and how necessary it is that all men well affected that have any compassion towards their afflicted Countrey should now put themselves into a present posture of defence, by raising forces of Horse and Foot for the defence of the association from the invasion of Irish Rebels, popish and other ill affected persons, have for these and many other waighty reasons by an Ordinance bearing date the fifth of *July* last, Ordained and Declared that this County among others shall be put forthwith into a posture of defence. These are therefore to require you by the Authority aforesaid to returne the names, at the time and place hereafter appointed, of all persons vvithin your Precincts vvho are vvorth one hundred pounds or more in lands or goods, or in lands and goods together; to the end they may be charged severally vvith Horse and Armes, so as no person be charged vvith an Harquibushire or light Horse unlesse he hath an hundred pounds *per annum* in lands, or be vvorth one thousand two hundred pounds in goods and lands; nor vvith a Dragoon unlesse he be vvorth foure hundred pounds in goods, or forty pounds *per annum* in lands; nor vvith a Foot-Armes, unlesse he be vvorth an hundred pounds in goods, or ten pounds *per annum* in lands. You are likewise required to publish to all men, that this extraordinary charge and imposition of Armes, according to the expresse words of the Ordinance it selfe, shall continue no longer then during these times of imminent danger, and shall be no president for the future. And you are to make returne hereof unto the Deputy-lieutenants at the signe of the

in the morning. in on being the
day of next ensuing by nine of the clock